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Rains Slow Harvest

Agricultural Summary

During the past week, temperatures for the state were below average, ranging from 15 to 40 at night and from 59 to 73 during the day. The majority of the state received some rainfall, ranging from 0.03 inches around Salmon 1.63 inches near Sand Point. Irrigation water in Gooding County has been shut off for the season. Cold temperatures, combined with scattered rains have closed the irrigation season in Custer County. Farmers are moving irrigation equipment to winter storage, and are shutting things down. For the week ending October 9, other major agricultural activities included harvesting crops, irrigating, applying fertilizer, planting winter wheat and moving livestock.

Field Crop Report

Statewide, the potato crop is in fair to excellent condition with harvest still lagging slightly behind last year and the five-year average. Field corn harvested for grain has begun throughout the state. Apple harvest is nearing completion in the Treasure Valley, and is progressing slightly behind last year but ahead of the five-year average. Producers in some areas of northern Idaho received much needed rainfall over the weekend, and will begin fall seeding once the ground dries out. Cold, wet weather has producers in many areas of south-eastern Idaho, including Caribou, Power and Teton Counties fighting to get their small grain and potato crops out of their fields.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

No major livestock problems were reported as cattle and sheep are in good to excellent condition. Some cattle herds in Camas County are being moved to winter alfalfa fields.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Due to timely rains, topsoil moisture improved again from last week to 9% very short, 34% short, and 57% adequate. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 5.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2005	2004	Avg
Field Corn Harvested for Grain	4	6	13
Field Corn Harvested for Silage	89	94	90
Onions Harvested	80	90	89
Alfalfa Hay – 4 th Cutting	84	77	82
Dry Beans Harvested	95	98	96

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Potato	--	--	18	67	15
Irr. Water Supply	1	7	44	44	4
Range & Pasture	1	14	41	34	10

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg	2005	2004	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	54	45	59	91	78	65	61	80	86	84	84	78	68	66	70
Emerged	2	2	9	49	16	33	10	33	42	50	49	40	23	23	26
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	99	96	92	49	73	70	50	76	68	53	77	70
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	4	8	6	16	18	21	21	22	21	15	17	18

Avg (2000-2004); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 9, 2005 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base		Total ^{5/}	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1	
						To Date	Normal				To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	59	32	46	-7	3703	1861	1846	0.10	-0.05	0.73	5.03	13.75
Grangeville	63	29	46	-5	3348	1605	1495	0.23	-0.17	1.19	15.37	16.63
Lewiston	73	40	53	-3	5070	2972	2759	0.19	0.01	0.47	8.71	7.64
Sand Point	66	34	--	--	3333	1573	1450	1.63	1.26	1.63	18.01	15.43
Southwest												
Boise	69	34	52	-4	4987	2970	2641	0.07	-0.09	0.27	8.24	6.30
Caldwell	68	34	51	-5	4817	2783	2899	0.07	-0.06	0.34	6.14	5.54
Emmett	69	33	51	-4	4578	2621	2569	0.23	0.08	0.45	5.84	6.39
Mountain Home	72	30	50	-5	5032	3038	2625	0.09	-0.04	0.41	7.15	4.87
Parma	61	32	--	--	4584	2603	2460	0.32	0.19	0.32	3.85	5.70
Weiser	65	34	48	-5	4860	2853	2558	0.26	0.15	0.26	5.21	5.54
Southcentral												
Buhl	--	--	--	--	3829	2022	2167	--	--	--	--	5.26
Burley	70	27	47	-6	3720	1919	2135	0.06	-0.07	0.10	11.05	5.73
Hill City	60	15	41	-8	2920	1374	1259	0.00	-0.16	0.00	8.70	6.02
Hagerman	--	--	--	--	5064	3035	2719	--	--	--	--	4.83
Malta	72	25	45	-7	3934	2145	1864	0.87	0.75	0.87	8.64	6.50
Twin Falls	68	25	48	-4	4033	2205	1877	0.07	-0.08	0.08	9.90	5.92
East												
Aberdeen	--	--	--	--	3226	1621	1608	0.00	-0.17	0.00	5.56	5.75
Grace	68	24	43	-6	3013	1476	1442	1.13	0.83	1.14	9.89	10.37
Idaho Falls	68	25	42	-8	3187	1552	1677	0.22	0.01	0.45	10.14	7.04
Malad City	--	--	--	--	3623	1928	1846	0.87	0.60	0.87	8.57	9.13
Pocatello	71	24	44	-8	3672	1934	1955	0.61	0.40	0.87	12.46	7.47
Rexburg	65	25	42	-7	3234	1626	1562	0.52	0.29	0.64	9.91	8.56
Salmon	63	27	--	--	3363	1676	--	0.03	--	0.04	3.86	--

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Weekly departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.